GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1001
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2003
DEFORESTATION OF FOREST LAND
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the deforestation of forest land for various projects in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have made any assessment of environmental problem due to deforestation of the forest land; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) Central Government accords approval for the diversion of forest lands for various development projects like power, irrigation, construction of roads, railway lines, drinking water supply etc. State-wise details of forest area diverted for such non-forestry purposes are given in Annexure.

(b) & (c) Site inspection is always conducted and wherever required, the environmental impact assessment studies by the experts are also conducted before diverting the forest lands. Further, Central Government always stipulates the conditions for mitigating the adverse environmental impacts caused due to loss of forest cover, by appropriate compensatory afforestation, safety zone creation, reclamation and other such measures.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 1001 B` CHINTAMAN WANAGA REGARDING `DEFORESTATION OF FOREST LAND` DUE FOR REPLY ON 28-7-2003.

S.NO.	STATE	FOREST AREA DIVERTED IN HECTARES
1	Assam	5281
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3391
3	Andhra Pradesh	21555
4	A & N Islands	2227
5	Bihar	5979
6	Chandigarh	NA
7	Chhattisgarh	15929
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	168
9	Daman & Diu	0
10	Delhi	NA
11	Goa	389
12	Gujarat	52657
13	Haryana	1582
14	Himachal Pradesh	4905
15	Jharkhand	#
16	Jammu & Kashmir	1286
17	Karnataka	34138
18	Kerala	30993
19	Manipur	247
20	Meghalya	356
21	Madhya Pradesh	228019
22	Mizoram	8528
23	Maharashtra	75872
24	Punjab	2577
25	Nagaland	0
26	Pondicherry	NA
27	Orissa	27233
28	Sikkim	623
29	Rajasthan	12711
30	Tamil Nadu	4160
31	Tripura	2389
32	West Bengal	9359
33	Uttar Pradesh	6484
34	Uttaranchal	24249
35	Lakshadweep	0

TOTAL	583287

Area of Jharkhand included in Bihar.